

Ensure Our Agricultural Research Dollars Go Further By Supporting Legislation to Make Changes to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board

Dear Colleague,

I invite you to join me in co-sponsoring the Agricultural Research Advisory Board Improvement Act. This legislation will focus research at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on priorities most needed by agriculture.

Under current law, the NAREEE Advisory Board consists of 25 members who effectively rubber stamp agricultural research conducted at USDA. This legislation prioritizes research by making two changes:

- 1) **It decreases membership to focus the board, while retaining the ability of groups to serve as members** – Under current law, the Secretary appoints 1 member from 25 different categories. This legislation decreases membership down to 15 members selected from 4 different pools. The pools reflect the categories used under current law.
- 2) **It gives the board the ability to recommend research priorities** – Under current law, the board merely reviews research conducted at USDA, effectively rubber stamping the department's research. Language in this legislation makes clear that the board's purpose is to make recommendations to the Secretary. This allows the board to live up to its title of advisory board.

By focusing research at USDA on agriculture's most needed priorities, we will ensure our research dollars go further. For more information or to join me as a cosponsor, please contact Jimmy Ballard (jimmy.ballard@mail.house.gov) in my office.

Sincerely,



Rodney Davis
Member of Congress